



Testimony in support of  
SB 7123 – An Act Limiting Changes to Health Insurers' Prescription Drug Formularies  
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Senator Larsen, Representative Kelly, and members of the committee, my name is Shawn Lang, and I'm the Deputy Director with AIDS CT, CT's only statewide organization whose sole focus is HIV/AIDS.

I'm here to testify in support of **SB 373 – An Act Limiting Changes to Health Insurers' Prescription Drug Formularies**.

I never knew an insurer could remove a medication from its formulary until it happened to me. Like many women my age, I take medication for osteoporosis. The particular medication I was prescribed was to be taken once a month. In the fall of 2015, when I went to pick up my re-fill, I was told that my insurance no longer covered that medication. Just out of the blue. No notice, no explanation. Fortunately, I'm someone who can advocate for myself and was able to get a different prescription fairly quickly. But what about someone with chronic health conditions, like HIV, or heart disease, or someone who doesn't have the same capacities and access to information that I do?

I urge you to support SB 7123 to protect the rights of patients.

Thank you. I'm happy to answer any questions you might have.

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